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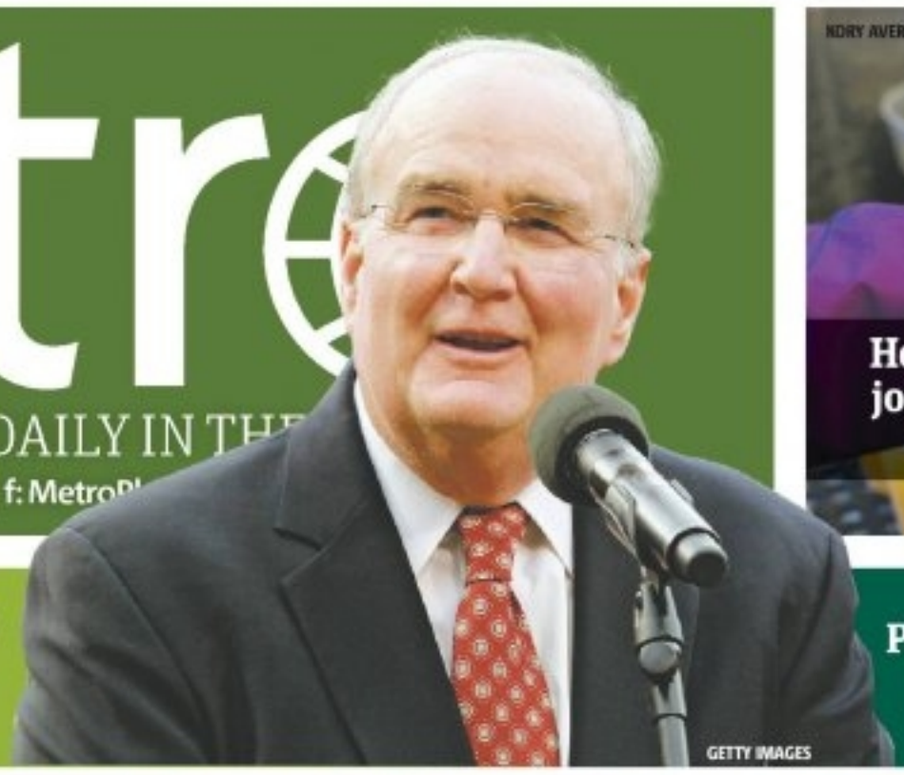
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House panel approves Barr contempt measure

President Donald Trump, though, invoked executive privilege.

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A Democratic-led House panel on Wednesday approved a measure to hold U.S. Attorney General William Barr in contempt for refusing to hand over an unredacted copy of the Mueller report on Russian election interference even as President Donald Trump invoked the legal principle of executive privilege to block its disclosure.

Throwing down another challenge to Trump, the House of Representatives Judiciary Committee voted to recommend that the full House cite Barr, the top U.S. law enforcement official and a Trump appointee, for contempt of Congress after he defied its subpoena for the complete report and underlying evidence.

"We are now in a constitutional crisis," Jerrold Nadler, the committee's Democratic chairman, told reporters after the panel approved the contempt resolution on a party-line 24-16 vote, with Democrats in favor and Republicans opposed.

The confrontation escalated a clash between the Democratic-controlled House and Republican president over congressional authority under the U.S. Constitution to investigate him, his administration, his family and his business interests.

The vote came hours after the White House took its own provocative step, asserting executive privilege to block the release of Special Counsel Robert Mueller's full report on Russian actions to boost Trump's candidacy in the 2016 U.S. election and related evidence such as investigative interviews.

"It is deeply disappointing that elected representatives of the American people have chosen to engage in such inappropriate political theatrics," Justice Department spokeswoman Kerri Kupec said, adding that no one will force the department "to break the law" by handing over documents that cannot be disclosed such as secret grand jury material.

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A House vote to hold Barr in contempt was likely to trigger a court battle, with fines and possible imprisonment at stake for him. Nadler said the full House vote would come "rapidly," without being more specific.

Executive privilege is only rarely invoked by U.S. presidents to keep other branches of government from getting access to certain internal executive branch information. Trump had not previously taken such a step in his showdown with Congress.

The White House said Democrats forced the move. "Faced with Chairman Nadler's blatant abuse of power, and at the attorney general's request, the president has no other option than to make a protective assertion of executive privilege," White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said.

Nadler said Trump's stonewalling of Congress in various investigations is "an assertion of tyrannical power by the president and that cannot be allowed to stand," though the congressman tiptoed around the question of launching the impeachment process to try to remove Trump from office.

In a letter to Nadler, Assistant Attorney General Stephen Boyd said Barr could not comply with the subpoena "without violating the law, court rules, and court orders, and without threatening the independence of the Department of Justice's prosecutorial functions."

Trump, seeking reelection in 2020, is stonewalling numerous probes by House Democrats, ranging from Mueller's inquiry to matters such as Trump's tax returns and past financial records.

Contempt of Congress is an offense that can be enforced several ways, most likely by a civil lawsuit, which could lead to a judge ordering imposing daily fines on the defendant or even arrest and imprisonment, according to legal experts.

The next step will be a floor vote by the full House. No action in the Republican-led Senate is needed. REUTERS

Biman Bangladesh plane skids off runway, 17 injured

2 A Biman Bangladesh Airlines plane skidded off the runway when it landed in bad weather at Yangon's international airport on Wednesday evening, injuring at least 17 people, officials said. The Bombardier Dash 8 aircraft was carrying 29 passengers and four crew when it bounced while landing during heavy winds in Myanmar's commercial capital, Bangladesh's ambassador said. The plane was severely damaged. The 17 who sustained mostly minor injuries were admitted to a local hospital, Manjurul Karim Khan Chowdhury, told Reuters. "The main reason, the pilot told me, was the weather — crosswinds," he said, "When he was trying to land... suddenly the aircraft jumped, went up and went down heavily." A photo published by the Myanmar Times showed the plane halfway off the runway with its fuselage apparently broken. REUTERS

Adidas extends Real Madrid sponsorship till 2028

3 Adidas will extend its sponsorship of Spanish soccer side Real Madrid until 2028, the German sportswear firm said on Wednesday, as it battles fierce competition in Europe from Nike and a resurgent Puma. Adidas has seen its leadership in soccer eroded in recent years by the advance of its bigger U.S. competitor Nike, which sponsors Real Madrid's archrivals Barcelona and is reportedly in talks with Liverpool, second in the English Premier League. "This agreement will help us to achieve our mission to be the best sports company in the world. It also underpins Adidas' leadership in the football category," Chief Executive Kasper Rorsted said in a statement. Adidas did not give any financial details of the deal with Real, which is currently ranked third in Spain's La Liga and made an early exit from the Champions League. REUTERS

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Philadelphia sues Uber, demands access to financial records

City of Philadelphia is suing the ride-hailing company as drivers strike.

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The City of Brotherly Love is putting up its dukes against Uber.

Philly lawyers are calling upon the wildly popular rideshare app to open its books in hopes of settling allegations of skirting three years worth of taxes.

A complaint filed in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas Tuesday states that the City Charter grants the green light for the Department of Revenue to conduct audits of any business operating in town. Officials are trying to determine if Uber Technologies Inc. owes business income, receipts, and wage taxes for the three-year period between 2015 and 2017, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer. The suit also sets its sights on Uber's federal, state, and local tax returns, employee income info, and personal information on anyone who received non-employee compensation.

The lawsuit asks a judge to order Uber to hand over financial data within 30 days or fine the company $900 for failing to comply with requests.

This wouldn't be too hard for them to come up with: Uber made more than $320 million in Philly in 2017, according to Parking Authority records obtained by Philly.com.

Financial records prior to 2017 are of particular interest because Uber wasn't legal in Pennsylvania until Nov. 2016. The suit alleges that the ride-hailing company may have operated without proper authorization.

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"Uber's much-anticipated IPO will put millions into the pockets of executives, but the drivers who are the core of the service of the company will get nothing."

Gig Workers Rising organizer Shona Clarkson

The city has filed three information requests, which never reached the Uber powers that be due to an alleged miscommunication situation. "Unfortunately, we never received the audit requests," Uber spokesman Harry Hartfield told Law360.com in a statement. "As soon as we found out today about the lawsuit, we were in communication with the city's audit department and agreed to provide documents requested. The city has advised that once we provide the documents, it will discontinue the legal action."

Meanwhile, drivers in Philadelphia joined drivers in Boston, Atlanta, D.C., San Francisco, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego, Minneapolis plus several Australian and European cities in a global strike Wednesday over what they deem to be poor working conditions and low pay.

Uber drivers are considered contractors, not employees, who make $8.55 per hour in the U.S., which is $1.30 more than the national average. Pennsylvania's minimum wage is $7.25. Uber will make its debut on Wall Street on May 10, and experts expect the San Francisco-based company and fellow ride-hailing app, Lyft, will be worth tens of billions, according to the BBC.

"Uber's much-anticipated IPO will put millions into the pockets of executives, but the drivers who are the core of the service of the company will get nothing," Gig Workers Rising organizer Shona Clarkson told The Guardian. "Uber is paying drivers poverty wages and continues to slash wages while executives make millions."

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Philly to see mix of clouds, rain and sun through weekend

The weekend won't be a total washout, though.

Weather in the Philadelphia area will consist of moderate temperatures with clouds and rain through Sunday, with a break of sun on Saturday, according to the National Weather Service.

Here's a breakdown of what Philly can expect in the coming days, courtesy of the NWS:

Thursday: Mostly cloudy, with a high near 63. East wind around 10 mph.

Thursday night: A slight chance of showers after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Southeast wind 8 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Friday: A slight chance of showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 78. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Friday night: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 58. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

Saturday: Partly sunny, with a high near 70.

Saturday night: A chance of showers before 2 a.m, then a chance of rain after 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sunday: Rain likely, mainly after 8 a.m. Cloudy, with a high near 62. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Sunday night: Rain likely before 2 a.m., then showers likely after 2 a.m. Cloudy, with a low around 53. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

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Older of two students arrested in Colorado shooting held on murder charge

Kendrick Ray Castillo, 18, a senior at the high school, was killed Tuesday.

The older of two students accused of opening fire in a suburban Denver high school, killing one classmate and injuring eight others, was being held on Wednesday on murder and attempted-murder charges, court records showed.

The 18-year-old suspect being charged as an adult, Devon Erickson, was due for an initial appearance later on Wednesday in Douglas County District Court in Castle Rock, Colorado, a short distance from the scene of Tuesday's gun violence.

His accused accomplice, who is under the age of 18 and has not been publicly identified, is being charged separately as a juvenile, authorities said.

The two teenagers are accused of opening fire on fellow students in two classrooms at the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) School in Highlands Ranch, about 25 miles south of Denver.

The 18-year-old student killed in the shooting, identified by his family as Kendrick Ray Castillo, was a senior just days away from graduation, police said on Wednesday as they continued to search for a motive in the attack.

Erickson was being held on suspicion of a single count of first-degree murder and 29 counts of attempted murder, according to court records, although it was not immediately clear how prosecutors arrived at that number of charges. Eight students wounded in the shooting survived.

Denver's ABC television affiliate, citing an unidentified police source, reported on Tuesday that one of the suspects, apparently the younger of the two, was born male but identified as female and had been bullied for it.

Sheriff Tony Spurlock declined to answer a reporter's question about whether the younger suspect was transgender.

"Right now we are identifying the individual as a female, because that's where we're at," he said. "We originally thought the juvenile was a male by appearance."

Spurlock said the suspect had been identified as male "before the detectives were able to get the medical — and detectives were able to speak to her."

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Some of the worst mass shootings in the United States have occurred in Colorado.

Tuesday's attack occurred less than a month after the 20th anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre in nearby Littleton, about 5 miles from Highlands Ranch, carried out by two students who shot 13 people to death before committing suicide.

In 2012 a man opened fire at a movie theater in Aurora, another Denver suburb, killing 12 people and wounding scores more.

Precisely what happened inside the STEM school remained unclear.

Spurlock said there was a "struggle" as officers entered the building, and some students said one victim was shot in the chest as he tried to tackle a shooter.

A man who identified himself as Fernando Montoya said his 17-year-old son, a junior at STEM, was shot three times when a shooter walked into his classroom and opened fire.

"He said a guy pulled a pistol out of a guitar case and started to shoot," Montoya told the Denver TV station.

The bloodshed shocked the affluent suburb of Highlands Ranch. Parents and students had considered the school a safe place for its 1,850 pupils ranging from kindergarten to 12th grade.

The attack came a week after a gunman opened fire on the Charlotte campus of the University of North Carolina, killing two people and wounding four others.

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Exelon to close Three Mile Island nuclear plant in September

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U.S. energy company Exelon Corp said Wednesday it will shut the last reactor at the Three Mile Island power plant, site of the worst nuclear accident in U.S. history, on Sept. 30 due to legislative inaction on a nuclear subsidy bill in Pennsylvania.

"With only three legislative session days remaining in May and no action taken to advance House Bill 11 or Senate Bill 510, it is clear a state policy solution will not be enacted before June 1," Exelon said in a release, referring to the proposed nuclear subsidy bills.

Exelon said it had to make a decision by June 1 to purchase fuel for the plant for its next operating cycle. The company announced in May 2017 that it would shut the 45-year-old reactor in 2019 without policy reform to support the plant.

Analysts at Height Capital Markets said in a report that the shutdown, which will come 40 years after the 1979 meltdown of another reactor at the plant, will increase pressure on Pennsylvania legislators to pass a nuclear subsidy bill in the autumn to protect the state's remaining eight reactors from early closures.

In recent years, electricity prices have been depressed by cheap natural gas from shale fields, including the Marcellus in Pennsylvania, and increased use of renewable power. This has made some nuclear plants uneconomical, and forced generators to shut several reactors over the past five years.

Several states, including New York, Illinois, Connecticut and New Jersey have already adopted nuclear subsidies to keep their reactors in service to help meet carbon reduction goals.

Lawmakers in Pennsylvania and Ohio are considering legislation, while officials in U.S. President Donald Trump's administration have proposed programs to keep nuclear and coal plants operating longer.

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In late April, Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf released a plan to reduce the state's greenhouse gas emissions. To achieve those goals, Wolf recommended implementing policies to keep the state's nuclear reactors in service. Nuclear plants do not emit carbon dioxide, one of the major causes of global warming.

Nuclear power plants generate 42 percent of Pennsylvania's electricity and provide 93 percent of its zero-carbon power.

Elsewhere in Pennsylvania, Exelon operates two reactors at the Peach Bottom and two at Limerick, FirstEnergy Corp operates two reactors at Beaver Valley and Talen Energy owns two at Susquehanna.

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Trump blasts business-loss report, calls accounting a 'sport'

The New York Times reported a loss of $1.17 billion from 1985-1994.

President Donald Trump defended himself on Wednesday following a media report that said his businesses had lost more than $1 billion from 1985 to 1994, saying he had leeway with his taxes as a real estate developer.

The report, published in the New York Times on Tuesday, detailed how his core businesses of casinos, hotels and apartment buildings had lost $1.17 billion over a decade, allowing him to avoid paying income taxes for eight of those 10 years.

Trump said he was allowed massive tax write-offs for depreciation and many "non monetary" losses, adding the report contained "very old information."

"You always wanted to show losses for tax purposes ... almost all real estate developers did — and often re-negotiate with banks, it was sport," Trump said in a post on Twitter on Wednesday.

Democrats in the U.S. House of Representatives have requested Trump's tax returns as part of investigations into the president and possible conflicts of interest. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin this week refused a request for those documents, setting up a likely legal fight.

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Though U.S. presidential candidates have traditionally released their tax returns during election campaigns, Trump has refused to do so. He also continues to own his businesses, though he has said his sons run the day-to-day operations.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday tweeted that the report underscored the need for lawmakers to review Trump's taxes, as allowed by law.

Separately, she told the Washington Post in an interview it would be up to House Ways and Means Committee Chairman Richard Neal to decide the next steps over the tax return issue.

"He has a path," Pelosi said, adding there were several options to move forward, including going to court.

Officials in New York state are also taking steps to seek the president's tax returns, the New York Times has reported.

Trump has repeatedly said he could not release his tax documents because he is under audit by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

His former lawyer Michael Cohen, however, told a House panel in February that rather than an audit being underway, Trump feared releasing the tax information could lead to an audit and penalties.

Trump has previously warned that he considered any probe of his personal or business finances off limits, telling the Times in a July 2017 interview that any such scrutiny would be crossing a "red line." REUTERS

THE FOREMAN FORECAST: TRUMP'S ART OF THE DECLINE

President Trump. REUTERS

ANALYSIS

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More than a billion dollars lost. More losses than almost any other taxpayer in the country experienced over a 10-year period. So much red ink that he didn't even pay taxes for most of that time. This is the portrait of Donald J. Trump that has emerged from a New York Times report after the paper obtained some tax records from the Trump empire, circa 1985 through 1994.

It is a record of a staggering financial collapse which was happening all around the future president, even as he published "Art of the Deal" and repeatedly told interviewers how great he was doing. And it is the most damaging blow yet to Trump's persistent claim that he is a master dealmaker — a guy who always comes out on top.

Now, to be sure, plenty of people in big business lose large amounts of money at times, and despite his company's bankruptcies, Trump certainly did not go broke. But it also lends credence to earlier reporting that far from being a self-made billionaire, Trump can likely trace much of his fortune to nearly a half-billion dollars in support from his father, with cash infusions coming at critical moments when the son's business ventures were floundering. (Cough, cough — casinos.)

The president's response to this attack on his mythology is no surprise. In a rambling tweet, he argued it was standard practice for real estate people in that time to show losses; a widely accepted way to reduce taxes. "It was sport," he said. Then he ended his defense by incongruously suggesting he never did it anyway, declaring the whole tax story from the New York Times "a highly inaccurate Fake News hit job!"

Many of his fans have responded in kind, saying it is old news; Trump rose above those challenges to be a winner, and the hated "media" is just trying to take him down.

But of course, if Trump wanted to help them in that argument, he easily could. He could release his tax returns and let everyone see just what a great businessman he is.

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Royal baby Archie: Prince Harry and Meghan name their 'bundle of joy'

"He's just been the dream," Meghan said of the little darling.

Britain's Prince Harry and Meghan, Duchess of Sussex with their baby son at Windsor Castle. DOMINIC LIPINSKI - WPA POOL/GETTY IMAGES

Britain's Prince Harry and his wife Meghan announced Wednesday they had named their newborn son Archie as they showed him off to the world, saying their "little bundle of joy" was "magic."

In a post on their Instagram account accompanying a picture of the parents with Queen Elizabeth, her husband Prince Philip and Meghan's mother Doria Ragland, the couple said the seventh-in-line to the British throne would be known as Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor.

The announcement came hours after the new royal got his first taste of life in the limelight as Meghan and Harry appeared with him before a small group of media at St George's Hall in Windsor Castle, where they held their wedding reception just under a year ago.

Harry tightly cradled his son, wrapped in a white shawl and wearing a hat.

"It's magic — it's pretty amazing, and I have the two best guys in the world so I am really happy," said a beaming Meghan, wearing a white sleeveless coat dress, when asked how she was finding being a new mother.

She said the boy, the seventh-in-line to the British throne, was calm, had the sweetest temperament and was sleeping well.

"He's just been the dream," she said, prompting Harry to quip: "I don't know who he gets that from."

Archie was born in the early hours of Monday morning, weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces, but few other details have been given about the birth.

"It's great, parenting is amazing," Harry said. "It's only been two-and-a-half days, three days, but we're just so thrilled to have our own little bundle of joy, to be able to spend some precious time with him as he slowly starts to grow up."

After the brief photocall, the couple took their baby to see 93-year-old Elizabeth, the world's longest-reigning monarch, to allow her to meet her eighth great-grandchild. Meghan's mother is staying with the couple at their home, Frogmore

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Cottage, on the castle's estate.

"It will be a nice moment to introduce the baby to more family and my mum's with us as well," Meghan, 37, said.

Britain's royal family attracts huge fascination, and there is particular interest in Harry and former actress Meghan, who are officially known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex.

A BRITISH AND U.S. CITIZEN?

Given their worldwide popularity, the birth of their first child has attracted particular attention, especially as Archie is first mixed-race child to be born into a senior position in British royalty in recent history.

He is also entitled to hold U.S. citizenship while also automatically being a British national. However, the baby will not automatically be a prince or a princess, or be known as "his royal highness,"unless the queen issues a specific decree.

Congratulations to the new parents have poured in from celebrities and world leaders. REUTERS

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- **Anonymous**, *Metro US reader*

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Aries Don't let emotional situations bring you down. Do something that improves your skills, qualifications or relationships with loved ones. Romance will enhance your life.

Taurus How you go about getting what you want will affect the outcome. Pay close attention to detail and don't present what you have to offer prematurely.

Gemini Listen to requests, but don't feel you have to honor them. You cannot buy love, but you can earn respect. Don't let anyone take advantage of you.

Cancer Do something admirable. By taking part in something you believe in, you will set a standard that will attract support. You can make a difference.

Leo Don't follow someone just to fit in. Make no excuses for being who you are. Concentrate on what you want, and put in the time and effort to make sure you succeed.

Virgo Set your sights on your objective and forge ahead. If someone tries to interfere, take a hard look at their motivations. Stability is the result of honesty and hard work.

Libra Follow the path that seems most appealing. Join forces with people who are just as upbeat as you and who are more interested in gaining experience than offering criticism.

Scorpio Look at your options, and choose to spend time with people who are practical and who bring out the best in you. Walk away from excess and costly ventures.

Sagittarius Don't let an emotional matter ruin your day. Take better care of your physical well-being. Spending money will not make you feel better; it will only create more worry and stress.

Capricorn Make some lifestyle changes. A close relationship should be allowed to grow into something that brings out the best in both parties. Work as a unit, not individually.

Aquarius Question anyone trying to push you in a direction you don't want to go. Plan fun activities with the people who bring you the most joy.

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Nicolle Wallace on the importance of truth in the era of Trump

"When the spin crosses the border into a lie, my ears perk up and I want to stand on a table and scream, 'Liar liar, pants on fire.'"

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Nicolle Wallace isn't afraid to set the record straight. The MSNBC journalist and host of the wildly popular show "Deadline: The White House," which has beaten FOX News for 19 straight months in the ratings at the 4 p.m. slot, is known as a fierce critic of the Trump administration and has gained notoriety for her ability to, in some cases, fact-check their inaccurate talking points in real time.

Having served as White House Communications Director under George W. Bush and as Chief Political Analyst for MSNBC, Wallace has a deep understanding of how politicians can spin webs of deception. This week, Wallace's show will be going into its third year on-air. We caught up with her to talk about the importance of truth in the era of Trump.

You are known to be a thorough, real-time fact-checker and have really held this administration's feet to the fire with the falsehoods they've tried to get past the general public. What is the importance of truth in your eyes in our current political landscape?

I come at everything from the perspective of having been covered. I think justifiably an American president is scrutinized for every word they say, every word they put out on a piece of paper. Every translated word they put out during a foreign trip is scrutinized to excruciating detail. I was covered that way by a very skeptical domestic and foreign press when I worked for George W. Bush. It was a very difficult and polarizing time in this country's modern history. Having been covered that way, I know what the standards are. I know the difference between a favorable spin or a favorable presentation of facts and a lie. This White House counts on the press' commitment in calling a lie a lie and giving them a more expansive interpretation, perhaps, of spin. But it's almost like I have a hunting dog's sense of hearing. You hear that high-pitched whistle that nobody hears. When the spin crosses the border into a lie, my ears perk up and I want to stand on a table and scream, "Liar liar, pants on fire."

Is there a correct way to combat the lies that this administration tells in order to sway the public?

You don't look at the destination, you have to look at the journey. I don't know that it can be beaten. That's out of my hands. We live in the moment. Our show is made up of moments, which make up segments, which make up hours. We just tackle it kind of the way that you raise a kid [laughs]. We have a 7-year-old. You don't worry about how many years until he can drive, you're just trying to get him through first grade! I really have been, and more lately, I sort of have been drawing the tie between how I parent and how I cover politics. You stay in the moment, you call out what you see, and you try to keep up with the pace of their lies, which is extraordinary.

Your show "Deadline: White House," which is going into its third year this week, is on at 4 p.m. each day. How difficult is it to investigate the breaking issues to get to the truth before each broadcast?

By 4 p.m. he's usually tweeted a couple of dozen lies. There's never a shortage of material. If anything, there's the opposite problem. There's usually so much by 4 p.m. I think he also inhabits a real 24-hour news cycle because he's always watching TV, tweeting about what he's watching on TV, and then there are some hours that it would appear that some sort of dysfunctional version of the wheels of government are grinding. We're always in some part of the news cycle and we always try to do our best with the parts that happen within our hour.

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It's May, and summer is around the corner. If you haven't started making weekend or vacation plans to spend some time on the Jersey Shore, now is the time to start. Head to Atlantic City for a healthy balance of beach relaxation and nightlife. The Borgata, one of the largest properties in AC, brings Vegas-style entertainment and hospitality to the shore. With so much to do and see, it's easy to spend an entire weekend just at the hotel.

The stay

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For dinner, Philadelphia's own Michael Schulson of Schulson Collective (Double Knot, Sampan, Giuseppe & Sons) owns Izakaya. The modern Japanese restaurant located in the casino serves sushi, a chef's tasting menu and an impressive cocktail list. For a gourmet Italian feast, head to Michael Symon's Angeline for classic antipasti dishes and signature dish, Mom's Lasagne. A Sunday Supper family style menu is available every day of the week, with house-made pasta and a family recipe for red sauce that was passed down to the James Beard Award-winning chef.

It isn't a Borgata experience without seeing a show during your stay. Borgata's own concert venue, The Music Box, is bringing several top acts this summer.

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While you're there, head to the casino floor for a few rounds of slots, or test your poker or Roulette skills at more than 150 table games. The casino is also opening the new Race & Sports Book later this summer, a brand new bar and lounge exclusively for betting on horse races and other sporting events.

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This Saturday head down to Hawthornes Beer Cafe to indulge in a day filled with IPAs, champagne and plenty of Rosé. Hawthorne's 10th annual IPA, Champagne and Rosé Block Party kicks off 11 am and everyone in the city is invited out to sample delicious food, sip on tasty refreshments, check out all of the amazing vendors and more.

According to the release, this annual extravaganza features one of the city's best lineups of IPAs for only $5 each, plus small batch champagnes and rosés. There will be over 75 total selections of beer, champagne, Rosé, plus food from food trucks, live music, family fun and much more. The party will stretch from 11th and Fitzwater to 11th and Catharine. This all day, all ages event is free, open to the public, dog-friendly and perfect for the whole family. While adults sample some of the delicious block party offerings, kiddos can play in the free kids zone, which features a giant inflatable slide, sidewalk chalk, bubbles and more. This year the kid zone has a twist as well, at 5 p.m. the zone will transform into an adult fun zone with special face painting and more.

"We are proud to present our tenth year for Hawthornes' Annual IPA, champagne and rose block party," said owner Chris Fetfatzes in a release. "What started out as a smaller neighborhood festival outside our doors has taken on a new life and expanded every year. This year we bring back the roses, champagnes and sparkling wines based on past popular demand.

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at the location indicated: Extra Space Storage, **1553 Grant Ave., Philadelphia PA 19115, 267-453-3415. May 15th, 2019 at 3:00pm**

245 - Shahida Jefferson - Household Goods, Clothes; 412 - Michael Schaeffer - Files, Seasonal, Toys; 116 - Shaquille Daniel - Household Items; 130 - Daniel Wolpe - 6 Chairs, Boxes, Dining Table, 2 Couches, 3 End Tables; 470 - Isaac Odessa Elder IIIrd - House Goods, Boxes, Bins; 121 - Terrie Robinson - Household Items

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1006 - Jenny Aponte, Household items, Furniture;
1124 - Robert Johnson, Tools.

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1A28 Daniel Ringgold; 1A45 Dorothy Barnes; 1A47 Elizabeth Mcnair;

1A68 Maryann Ewerth; 2B47 Erica Bright; 2B52 Aaron McLeod;

2C34 Sydia Brown; 2D184 Anthony Singleton; 2D239 Valerie Lawrence;

2D254 Darryl Williams; 2D271 Sharon Moore; 2D76 Tanika McRae;

2E17 Leslie Ayala; 2E28 Dwayne Carson; 3A114 TiAira Neal;

3A120 Latoya Adams; 3A136 Darrold Jones; 3A159 Andre Turpin;

3A29 Preston Malone-Muhammad; 3A37 Lamar Rhodes;

3B11 Eric Ward; 3E01 John Rosario; 3E11 Curtis A Johnson;

3E35 Alphonso Wilson; 3E46 Desmond Wilson;

4A128 James A Goodjoines; 4A49 Stanley Fishcher;

4A55 Christian Harley; 4L16 Antonio Green

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at the location indicated on May 15, 2019 at 9:45 am. **Extra Space Storage, 2300 Washington Ave, Philadelphia PA 19146, 267-607-5171.**

2038 Amber Russell, 2115 Lori Arnold, 3048 Elaine Broaster White,

3099 Virginia Skinner, 4016 Matthew Stevens,

4027 Tyler Linder, 5172 Ellen Zolkos

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5111 - Harry Spivak; 5037 - Christian Accar

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at the location indicated: **6204 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19111, May 15, 2019** at **2:15 PM**

A139C Shanika N. Flippen, C120 Marcos Galindez,

C137 D Michael Blackie, C209C Thomas Deveo,

G119 Benjamin Omar Burwell, V110 David Kaufman

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Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at the location indicated: **12005 Roosevelt Blvd, Philadelphia PA 19154, 215-514-2704 • May 15, 2019 at 3:45pm**

E112 - Tyrone Gentry; E10 - Martina Everette;
B7 - Cameron Shahab; R2 - Kenneth Konczyk;
R12 - Jacqueline Grier; J1 - Michael Norman Maurer;
N6 - Jesse Gallagher; B5 - Herman Thomas; B35 - Andre Davis

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We'll see you on South Street!"

This year's spirited line-up of refreshments is incredibly impressive, especially in the IPA category. Drafts include the Victory No Brainer IPA, Conshohocken Blood Money Blood Orange IPA, Brotherton IPA, New Belgium Brut IPA, Anchor Fog Breaker IPA, Troeg's Field Study IPA, Big Oyster Hammerhead IPA, Brotherton Jersey Devil Double IPA, Anchor San Franpsycho IPA, Root Down Bine IPA and more. If you're not an IPA fan, don't sweat it, there will also be plenty of ciders, wheat beers lagers and more being offered the block party.

If it's bubbles you're after, buckle up. Champagne and Rosé selections include Canvas Brut Blanc de Blancs, Seguras Brut Rosé, Acacia Rosé, Comte de Bucques Brut, Barton and Gustier Sparkling Rosé, Stanford Brut and more. There will also be a vast selection of red and white wines, plus delicious and unique sangria options (Rosé sangria, orange basil white wine sangria and pomegranate and rosemary red sangria).

All of that drinking will be sure to make you hungry, and the block party has got you more than covered. Delicious food trucks setting up shop this Saturday include French Toast Bites by Lokal Artisan Foods, Puyero Venezuelan Flavor, Philly Fry, Dr. Wutzit Wonderballs, The Little Sicilian, The Munchy Machine, Hardy Funnel Cakes, Street Food / 33rd Street Hospitality, The Grappling Crab Shack, One Village, The Flying Deutchman and Burritos Tijuana.

Live music will be provided throughout the event by Trinidelphia and The Paper Shakers, plus there will be plenty of interesting vendors including Inspire, Get Around, Urban Princess Boutique from Fabric Row and much more.

Hawthornes IPA, Champagne and Rosé Block Party will take place this Saturday, May 11th from 11 am until 8 p.m. Admission is free, but food and drinks are pay-as-you-go, cash only. According to the release, guests will be required to show valid ID upon entry at 11th and Fitzwater and receive a wristband. The beer sales are handled exclusively at the entrance (at 11th & Fitz) where the guest will purchase any amount of drink tickets for $5 per ticket, no minimum, no limit. Each ticket is redeemable at any beer station to receive the beverage of their choice.

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Property includes the storage unit contents belonging to the following tenants at the following locations:

Metro Self Storage, 2240 Island Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19142 • 215-863-0560
The bidding will close on the website StorageTreasures.com and a high bidder will be selected on 5/21/19 at 11:00am.

Maurica Murray 0065, Roberto Ng 0124, Kiara Mackie 0135, Darnell Mason 1205, India Kearse 2210, Kenneth Martin Jr 2277, Marie Brown 3184

Metro Self Storage, 1354 Hook Rd, Sharon Hill PA 19079 • 610-583-7867
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James Bolton 49, Brian Crawford 146, Samuel Coleman 160, Dayonna Tolbert 339, Russel A Clark 378, Marfarta Dorley 401, Janene Reilly 450

Metro Self Storage, 4440 E Bristol Rd, Trevose, PA 19053 • 215-396-1110
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Michael Amodei 1042, Breezy Rivera 1226, Craig Bachman 2307, Robert Crosby 3053 Donald Pederson 5020, Claudette Kapetula - 1989 Chevrolet Itasc Suncruiser - 1GBKP37W0K3301986 6019

Metro Self Storage, 100 Upper Silver Lake Road, Newtown, PA 18940 • 215-860-5625
The bidding will close on the website StorageTreasures.com and a high bidder will be selected on 5/21/19 at 2:00pm.

Kristi Emery 278

Metro Self Storage, 1145 Easton Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090 • 215-659-6065
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Vernon Skinner 107, Vernon Skinner 112, James Goodger Jr 703

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Dennis McGovern D31C, Dennis McGovern E48C, Dennis McGovern J014, Nichols Trevor I004 Marcella Platz WB007, Amanda Page H19C, Fred Rappaport F21C, Destin Courchain F011 Aracelis Agosto B67C, Dorothy Thomas A68C

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In Marathon, you can interact with dolphins at the Dolphin Research Center, get back to nature and history at Crane Point Hammock and Nature Trail and Curry Hammock State Park, or tour the area's railroad history at Pigeon Key Island.

Take a guided walking tour through the Florida Keys Aquarium Encounters with a marine biologist. Ask them questions as you view and participate in hourly animal introductions and feedings and have hands-on access to their stingray, nursery and tide pool touch tanks.

Experience sea turtles up close at The Turtle Hospital, located at MM 48.5. This educational program provides a presentation on sea turtles, meeting sea turtle patients in the rehabilitation area and a behind-the-scenes look at the hospital facilities. At the end of each program guests are invited to feed the permanent residents.

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MATT BURKE

Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

SugarHouse, Parx and Harrah's are about to have that much more competition in Philadelphia as Live! Casino & Hotel is set to open a $700 million property by the end of 2020.

The mammoth building will be located in walking distance to Citizens Bank Park, giving Parx's South Philadelphia Turf Club sportsbook competition on the same block.

The close proximity to the South Philadelphia Sports Complex should benefit Live! Casino immensely.

"The new Live! Casino & Hotel spearheads the transformation of the Philadelphia Stadium District into an integrated sports, entertainment and casino resort destination," a statement from Live! Casino & Hotel said. "The project sits adjacent to Xfinity Live!, the highly successful dining, entertainment and hospitality destination developed and owned in partnership between The Cordish Companies and Comcast Spectacor … The opening of the $700 million casino resort destination will transform the Philadelphia Stadium District into the only place in the country to experience big league action from four major professional sports teams, best-in-class dining and entertainment, and world-class gaming and hotel accommodations."

As a location comp, the top physical sportsbook in New Jersey, FanDuel, operates in the shadow of MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford. The top retail shop in the state of Pennsylvania is Rivers Casino, which is steps from Heinz Field in Pittsburgh.

Even with online sports betting about to kick off in Pennsylvania, industry experts believe the physical books will still get plenty of traffic.

"Retail will always be a viable part of our success," FanDuel President and COO Kip Levin told MetroBet last month. "There's a healthy social aspect at a physical sportsbook as people want to be there with their friends."

Surely a traditional casino atmosphere will lend itself well to Live!'s sportsbook as well. Live! is projected to have 2,200 slot machines, 125 table games and over 200 hotel rooms.

Officials for the casino say that it will create approximately 2,000 new direct and indirect jobs as well.

Live! is owned and managed by Stadium Casino LLC, which is an affiliate of The Cordish Companies.

TWEET OF THE DAY

Scott Van Pelt
@NottheFakeSVP

I absolutely love the Stanley Cup playoffs. Every year I enjoy them more and am blown away by what these men are willing to endure.

Best Bets

Sixers vs. Raptors betting preview

Raptors at Sixers
Moneyline: Raptors -130, Sixers +110
Betting Total: 213.5 points

The Toronto Raptors crushed the Sixers in Game 5, 125-89, so they appear to be in the driver's seat for Thursday's Game 6 in Philly.

Kawhi Leonard didn't dominate in Game 5 like he has throughout the series, notching 21 points, but he didn't need to. The Sixers' defense had no answers for the combined attack of Pascal Siakam (25 points), Kyle Lowry (19 points) and Danny Green (17 points).

"The way we played tonight — I'd love to play like this every night," Leonard told reporters after Game 5. "I'm pretty sure everyone else feels the same way. They all want to contribute."

Philly's 19 turnovers only made things worse.

"I think we laid an egg," Jimmy Butler told reporters afterward.

With Joel Embiid clearly limited by illness, there seems little hope for a dramatic turnaround for the Sixers. Ben Simmons has played poorly through the series, topping out at 14 points in Game 1. Now that Toronto's supporting cast has woken up, Philly appears doomed.

Regarding the total, in every game this series the losing team has scored under 100 points.

The play: Raptors +2

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The Sixers will try to stave off elimination tonight against the Raptors. GETTY IMAGES

Struggling Sixers face elimination tonight vs. Raptors in Game 6

Philly is down 3-2 against Toronto as the series heads back to Wells Fargo Center for Game 6.

JOE PANTORNO
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Things couldn't be looking grimmer for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Two-straight losses to the Toronto Raptors, including a 125-89 blowout in Game 5 on Tuesday night, has the Sixers facing elimination tonight in Philadelphia.

Historically speaking, being down 3-2 doesn't usually end up well for the Sixers. In 17 previous series in which they've faced such a deficit, the Sixers have come back to win just once.

It would be difficult to suggest that trend is going to be bucked starting tonight in Game 6 based off what has happened his series, amounting to that Game-5 beatdown.

While the 76ers have pieced together one of the most impressive starting five's in the NBA, it's becoming abundantly clear that they don't fit well together.

Chalk it up to a lack of time together in the regular season, but a talented starting lineup that features Ben Simmons, JJ Redick, Jimmy Butler, Tobias Harris, and Joel Embiid should not be held to under 100 points in four of the five games this series.

The main source of the blame continues to find its way back to Embiid, who has dealt with knee problems and illness throughout the playoffs. The latter has been the largest problem during the second round against Toronto as Embiid has been off his game.

For an All-Star who averaged over 27 points and 13 rebounds during the regular season, Embiid has been stymied by the Raptors, putting up 17 points and 7.6 rebounds per game this series.

Take out a 33-point performance in Game 3 and he's averaging just 13 points per game.

Shooting 38-percent from the field, it's been clear the Sixers can't trust Embiid for the rest of the series.

It's led many to claim that having Simmons run the offense is toxic to Embiid's game as he requires too much of the ball (and doesn't score enough) to allow the center to facilitate his offensive game much like Giannis Antetokounmpo does with the Milwaukee Bucks.

That might be too-hasty of a conclusion to run toward seeing as these two haven't had nearly enough time together to learn how to win a championship at the NBA level.

Their fit also wouldn't be under such a microscope if there were more consistent performances from Butler, Harris, and Redick. None of the three, outside Butler in Game 2, have been able to take over a game and will the Sixers to a victory.

Regardless of fit or offensive production, a huge problem remains in the 76ers' inability to shut down Raptors star forward Kawhi Leonard.

Despite being held to his most mundane performance of the series, Leonard still put up 21 points on 43.8-percent shooting with 13 rebounds in Toronto's Game 5 win.

The 27-year-old continues to be an absolute menace this series as he's averaged 34.6 points, 9.8 rebounds, and four assists per game against Philadelphia.

RAPTORS vs. SIXERS
GAME 6
TONIGHT, 8 PM ET (ESPN)

Phillies chairman dies at 72

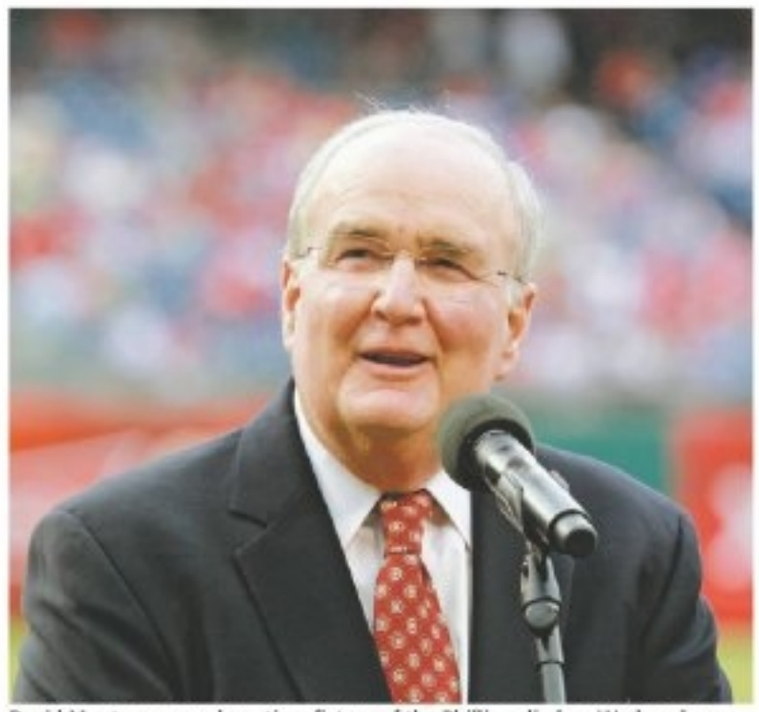
Philadelphia Phillies chairman David Montgomery died on Wednesday morning following a five-year battle with cancer, the team announced.

He was 72 years old.

"Today's a really hard day," Phillies managing partner John Middleton said through tears (h/t NBC Sports). "A painfully sad day beginning with Phillies family, but extending to Philadelphia... This is a man who lived a great life, he's an example to all of us and we should all be grateful that he was in our lives and for all the lives he touched... He was loved by everyone."

"We lost a piece of our soul."

Montgomery has been an employee of the Phillies for the last 48 years, beginning in their ticket office in 1971. Within 10 years, he was named the executive vice president and was the organization's chief operating officer by 1992.



David Montgomery, a long-time fixture of the Phillies, died on Wednesday morning. GETTY IMAGES

In 1997, he was named president and general partner.

Born and raised in Philadelphia, where he frequented Connie Mack Stadium as a child while idolizing Richie Ashburn, Montgomery became the city's first native son to run the Phillies in over 60 years.

He played an integral role in developing the Phillies into a National League powerhouse during the 2000s as the organization moved into its current home at Citizen's Bank Park in 2004. He was the man responsible for overseeing the construction of the park.

Helping assemble a core of Jimmy Rollins, Ryan Howard, Cole Hamels, and Chase Utley, the Phillies won their second-ever World Series title in 2008 and their first since 1980.

Away from the Phillies, Montgomery was a trustee of the University of Pennsylvania and served on Major League Baseball's Labor Policy and Strategic Planning Committees, the board of MLB Enterprises, and on the Scheduling Committee.

Montgomery was diagnosed with jaw-bone cancer in 2014, forcing him to take a one-year leave of absence.

"I join all Philadelphians in mourning the loss of Dave Montgomery, who helped build the Phillies into one of the preeminent sports franchises in the nation," Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney said. "Dave was a true local success story."

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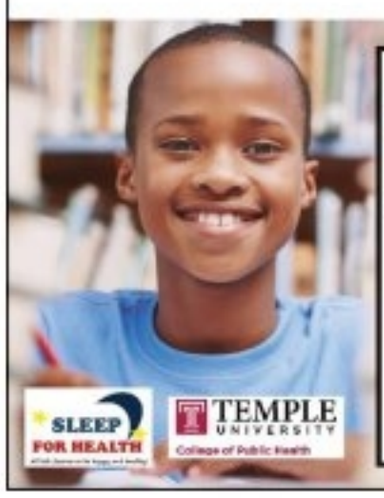

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13 More pleasant
15 Fissure; crevasse
16 Part of a plant
17 Family tree member
18 Ease
20 Quilting party
21 Throng
23 Good sense
24 Manicurist's focus
26 "__ You Lonesome To-night?"
27 Insightful
29 Has confidence in
32 Parts of speech
33 Quarrels
35 Simple reply
37 Word of disgust
38 Jump through __ for; try to please
39 Journey
40 Not just __; in a while
41 Fender bender mementos
42 Fad
43 Defies authority
45 __ in; brought under control
46 LL Cool J's music
47 Brother of Marlon Wayans
48 Leisurely walk
51 Lamb bearer
52 "__ a Wonderful Life"
55 Sicilian erupter
58 Cheese-topped tortilla chip
60 Fail to include
61 Lennon or Astin
62 Phuket City residents
63 Dancer Kelly
64 __ up; arranges
65 Additionally

DOWN

1 Ignore rudely
2 Morning hour
3 Emphasize
4 Vaseline, e.g.
5 Grouchy folks
6 Feel sick
7 Org. for Chiefs & Redskins
8 James & Martha
9 Comes up
10 "Hit the __ Jack"
11 Cairn terrier of film fame
12 Part of a wineglass
14 Sends in payment
19 Cause of measles
22 Bullfight shout
25 Mom's sister
27 Mayberry resident
28 More miffed
29 Touches lightly
30 Heavy-handed
31 Grab
33 Close relations
34 Piece of cookware
36 Ran fast
38 Vulnerable
39 Musketeers or Stooges
41 Passed out cards
42 Concrete
44 Charlotte or Emily
45 Uncooked
47 College officials
48 Industrial city problem
49 "It's all Greek __"
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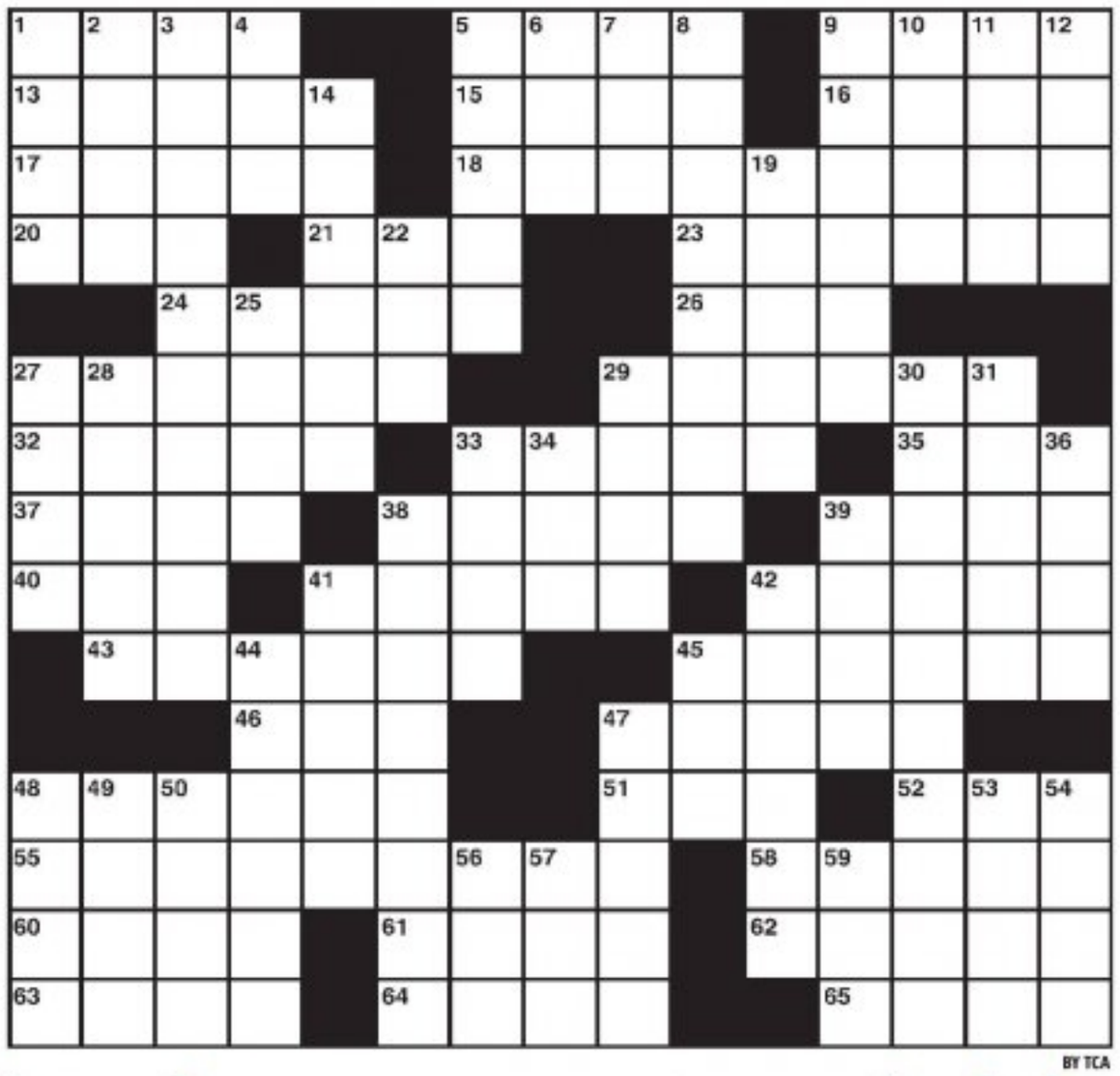
59 "Caughtcha!"



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